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## NOTHING MUCH GOES ON HAPPENING

With all the talk, nothing much really is happening on the political level is significant for the world's hope for peace. A "summit" meeting appears ly by early fall, because the USSR has out-maneuvered Mr. Dulles. An agree- to stop nuclear-weapon testing also seems probable by fall, in spite of the efforts of the AEC to prevent it. But these reflect reluctant concessions to worldwide anxiety about nuclear war, rather than a genuine search for the to peace.

There is still no sign of real recog- on by government and military leaders war itself *must* be banished. They owledge this in their speeches, but heir actions demonstrate that their is still with war.

Thus the AEC, having exploded rground an atomic bomb less than tenth the size of the Hiroshima , reported that it had been detected maximum distance" of 250 miles . This, of course, tended to confirm AEC contention that bomb tests d be carried on without detection, that an agreement to stop testing d be valueless. A smart newspaper- I. F. Stone, turned up the fact that y seismic station within 1,000 miles of them) had recorded the shock, that it had been detected in Fayette- , Arkansas, 1240 miles east and in banks, Alaska, 2300 miles north. AEC changed its report and assured yone that it had all been accidental.

So, too, the Soviet leaders and our discuss "disarmament" in terms are actually attempts to strengthen respective military positions. The S. suggests a discussion of world rol of outer space, but will not tie American missile bases in Europe Asia because these are "not rele- ." They are not relevant because them our intermediate range mis- s can reach the Soviet Union, and thus counteract the Soviet's ad- age in manpower and intercontinental missiles. The Soviets, on the other hand, are ahead in the race for space control, and obviously feel that a few military space platforms would effectively counter the US missile bases that now threaten them.

Both sides are right, from a military point of view, and the attempts by each to label the other as "unreasonable" are strictly for propaganda purposes.

It is because both sides look at it

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### *"Little, Tiny Bomb"*

*When the Atomic Energy Commission decided to see what would happen in an underground explosion of an atomic bomb, it chose a "little, tiny bomb," as AEC Acting Chairman Willard F. Libby described it, that packed only 1.7 kilotons of explosive force. (The Hiroshima A-bomb measured 20 kilotons; modern A-bombs are reported at 200 kilotons; the H-bomb tested in the Pacific in 1954 weighed in at 14,000 kilotons.)*

*The "little, tiny bomb" was buried 800 feet deep in a mountain in Nevada and exploded. It pulverized 400,000 tons of rock, moved the whole mountain six inches, blew a bubble of molten rock 130 feet in diameter, and gave off shock waves 2300 miles away.*

*Now let's try a big one!*

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## Nothing Much *(cont'd)*

from a miliatry point of view that the hopes for peace are still very remote. A public opinion resensitized to the infinite worth of every human individual (including the "negligible" 15,000 children to be damaged by radiation), and so prepared for the tremendous changes that real peace demands, is still the best hope we have.

## Mississippi College Bars FOR "Reconciliation Team"

The FOR's team of Glenn Smiley and Jim Lawson, both Methodist ministers, had a scheduled appearance cancelled by Methodist Millsaps College, in Jackson, Mississippi, after Citizens Council leaders warned the college it would be branded "pro-integration." Millsaps subsequently released a formal statement by its board of trustees to the effect that "segregation always has been, and is now, the policy of Millsaps College."

Smiley and Lawson were slated to appear at both white Millsaps and nearby Negro Tougaloo College on March 10. They were notified of the cancellation of their visit on March 7, the day after a joint meeting of students from both colleges had aroused the wrath of the segregationists. The FOR team was at Little Rock at the time, and took the opportunity to spend more time working with the Negro students at Central High School, and their friends, in that city.

The banning from Jackson was accompanied by a report that a Mississippi legislator had called for an investi tion of white Prof. Ernst Borinsky Tougaloo, on the charge that he "associated" with Smiley.

## Golden Rule Sails Again

The 30-foot Golden Rule, tu back by storms from its first attemp cross the Pacific to the nuclear- area, sailed again from San Pedro, ifornia, on the morning of March 25.

Replacing David Gale as fo member of the crew was Orion Sherw a member of the faculty at Oakw School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and FOR member. Others on the crew Albert Bigelow, William Huntington George Willoughby.

## Scientist Warns of Fallout "Unknowns"

Expressing sympathy with the " fusion" of non-scientists in the co versy over radioactive fallout, P Maurice B. Visscher, head of the partment of Physiology, University Minnesota, and a member of the Go nor's Committee on Atomic Ene used a letter to the *New York Tim* published March 19, to attempt to cl the situation.

Prof. Visscher attributes the co sion to (1) the fact that "no one re 'knows' what damage to the human can be expected from low level ra tion," (2) the policy of secrecy withholds vital information from public; and (3) the fact that some entists are not careful to point out " is fact, what is guess, and wha opinion..."

Referring to the estimate that pre levels of radiation may produce an a tional 15,000 defectives per genera Prof. Visscher points out that even is only an "educated guess," and the actual number may be one-tent ten times that figure.

As for the dangers in strontium Prof. Visscher observes that it wi "absolutely impossible" to know are its cancer-producing capabil for twenty years.

# NEWS from the peace front

/est German Socialists have a group d Fight Against Atomic Death, h March 23 called on Germans to n general strike against the Aden- government's decision to accept ear arms.

'To take such arms in hand," de- d one speaker, "to be prepared to human beings in mass, is not only ess and a crime, it is a sin. No stian, not even the Federal Chan- r or his Defense Minister, can de- himself from the guilt of taking up ic weapons."

The 3,000 at the meeting cheered all for a strike.

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The U. S. Supreme Court on March 3 ck down what observers felt was the ucial case" in Southern resistance nst school integration. The Court sed to overturn a lower court's order Prince Edward County, in Virginia, e a "prompt and reasonable start" rd integration. Virginia legislation ides for closing schools as an al- ative to desegregating them.

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Of the four newly appointed "advisors lisarmament" to Secretary of State es, two are former generals, and other two held office in the Defense artment.

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n article by Sen. John F. Kennedy, assachusetts, in the January issue *McCall's,* praised pacifist former gresswoman Jeanette Rankin as of "three women of courgae." Miss kin, who voted against U. S. entry both World Wars, is now 76, lives ew York. Interviewed, she proposed rmament, unilateral if necessary, ersion of battleships into schools, urged mothers to go to jail rather let their sons go to war.

**e you sent in your reservation for of the FOR conferences? Baltimore, l 18, 19; Cincinnati, April 25, 26; Louis, May 2, 3. See March 15 issue etails. Send reservations today.**

The *U. S. Farm Union News,* published in Des Moines, devoted four-fifths of a page in a recent issue to an editorial praising the idea of "massive reconciliation," concluding, "And for those readers who really want to go all the way on reconciliation, massive reconciliation, join the Fellowship of Reconciliation."

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The *Saturday Evening Post,* which last September editorially assailed the newly born American Forum for Socialist Education as a "united front," last month ignored the factual information it had since received and repeated the attack even more vigorously. Although there is no connection between FOR and AF, the *Post* identified as a "top pacifist chieftain" in the Forum "A. J. Muste, of the Fellowship of Reconciliation."

A statement on the matter is available on request from the FOR headquarters at Nyack, N. Y.

*Increasing number of retreats at Nyack headquarters included weekend conference for students from five seminaries. Leaders were (from left) Rev. John Yungblut, chairman, Episcopal Pacifist Fellowship; Dr. John Yoder, Church of the Brethren theologian; Prof. Allan Knight Chalmers, Boston University School of Theology.*

# THE FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION

Enthusiastic comments pour in about the FOR's new "comic book," *Martin Luther King and the Montgomery Story.* One minister wrote that it had "redeemed the most contemptible form of American literature" and added that he plans to recommend it as the "outstanding literary event of 1958." A teacher described how she had held spellbound a class of "disturbed" children, so that "you could have heard a pin drop." One boy, not far from reform school, asked if "you have to belong to church to believe this?"

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A meeting Good Friday evening (April 4) at the New York Ethical Culture center on Central Park West will climax the "Walk for Peace" that converged on the UN this week from New Haven and Philadelphia. Sponsors included FOR regional and area groups in Boston, New England, Philadelphia and New York.

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Barrow Cadbury, one of the British FOR's earliest members, died March 9 at his home in Birmingham, England, at the age of 95. A Quaker, he was a devoted worker for peace and a generous supporter of both British and international FOR programs.

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Full "Nuclear Test Action Kit" produced by FOR and co-sponsored by other peace groups ready in week or so. Sells for $1; includes sample leaflets, background information, ads, etc.

The Midwest region will hold it nual conference at Garrett Semina Evanston April 25 and 26. Same wee will see second of three "national" ferences, at Cincinnati's First Unit Church. For other conferences "Dates to Remember."

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Plans for an FOR-sponsored de stration at Cape Canaveral mis testing center this summer are in pro of development. Demonstration prob will include leaflet distribution, pi vigil, public opinion polls, etc.

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Vice-chairman Allan Hunter join "reconciliation team" in S this month to lead retreats for N and white ministers.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

*Apr. 11, 12.* FOR National Cou meetings, Nyack.

*Apr. 18, 19.* National conference, tion 1. Morgan State College, Baltim

*Apr. 25, 26.* National conference, tion 2, First Unitarian Church, cinnati.

*Midwest region annual confere* Garrett Biblical Institute, Evans Ill. Information from Dorothy Calk 1217 Judson Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

*May 2, 3.* National conference, sec 3. Christ Church Cathedral, St. Lou

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